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FEASIBILITY OF LEVERAGING EXISTING COUNTY FUNDS TO PROVIDE A MORE EFFECTIVE, COMPREHENSIVE HOMELESS DELIVERY SYSTEM (ITEM NO. 5, AGENDA OF JUNE 8, 2004)

On June 8, 2004, by joint motion of Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Molina, my office was instructed to facilitate a workgroup to determine how existing County funds could be blended to provide a more effective, comprehensive homeless delivery system. Specifically, we were instructed to report back to the Board within 90 days addressing the feasibility of transferring funds utilized for General Relief (GR) homeless shelter to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to support a year-round shelter program. These plans include case management services, how LAHSA would locate sites and providers, and how to ensure the County meets its obligation to GR applicants for shelter services.

This office convened a workgroup that included representatives from LAHSA, the Departments of Health Services, Mental Health, Public Social Services (PSS), and Community and Senior Services, the Community Development Commission, as well as community advocates from the Los Angeles Coalition to End Hunger and Homelessness, Public Counsel and the Shelter Partnership (see Attachment).

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2005-06, PSS will begin to provide \$1.0 million annually to LAHSA for the purpose of providing additional beds for year-round shelter services, including case management and meals exclusively for GR applicants. To the extent LAHSA can develop and establish these beds in FY 2004-05, PSS has committed to transfer a pro-rated amount to LAHSA. Currently, the greatest need for additional emergency housing lies in the Antelope Valley, the San Gabriel Valley, and in the South Los Angeles area.

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Accordingly, the additional funding for beds and services will be prioritized to meet the needs in these areas.

In addition to this funding, an additional \$2.5 million in on-going resources has been budgeted in Provisional Financing Uses in FY 2004-05 to support year-round shelter services in each of the supervisorial districts. These year-round shelters are not limited to the GR population.

We have requested that LAHSA prepare a detailed plan addressing the use of these funds, totaling \$3.5 million, including possible shelter locations in the specified areas, case management and other types of services to help this most vulnerable population, as well as ensure that the County continues to meet its obligation to GR applicants for shelter services. Upon receipt and review of LAHSA's report, we will provide you with a comprehensive report on the status of all our efforts related to this proposal.

Please let me know if you have questions or need additional information, or your staff may contact Kathy House at (213) 974-4129.

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